

Year 10 GCSE English/ English Literature Coursework Assignment

Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar"

Look at the following scenes in the play: Act 2 Scene 1 lines 112-189; Act 3 Scene 2 lines 12-259 and Act 4 Scene 1 lines 1-35. Then answer the question below:

The characters of Brutus and Mark Antony are very different. What do we learn about their characters from their speeches and actions in these scenes?

This essay must be written in class under supervised conditions. It must be handwritten. You will not be able to redraft it so it is important you do your very best from the outset. **Remember: this essay will go in your coursework folder and will count towards both your English GCSEs.**

To get good marks you will have to do the following:

1. Plan your essay carefully before writing it- think what you want to say and in what order you want to say it so that your ideas are well organised.
2. Remember to back up your points with evidence from the play- either references to things that are done or quotations from speeches in the play to demonstrate what characters have said.
3. Don't retell the story- keep focused on the question by considering what we can see about Brutus and Mark Antony from what they say and do in the specified scenes and how the two characters **differ** to each other in what they say and do. These 3 scenes show the 2 of them in similar situations and acting very differently in the circumstances- **spell out the contrasts!**
4. This is an English assignment so make sure it is well written in formal Standard English and check your spelling, punctuation and grammar.
5. This is not an exam- you are allowed to have your copies of the play and any notes you have written with you when writing the essay. **Make sure you bring these with you to every lesson in which you will be working on the essay.**

Make sure you write enough to provide a sustained and well developed essay- as usual, it should be about **1000 words (approx 4 pages of A4)** though you can do more than this- as long as it is all relevant!

It is to be written on A4 paper provided.

